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June 21, 2002

Ms. Magalie R. Salas
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445-12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: USF Certification Pursuant to 47 USC 254(e)
CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Salas:

On March 26, 2002, the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) sent a letter to the FCC and USAC to certify that Alma Communications, Inc. d/b/a Alma Telephone Company as successor to Alma Telephone Company would use the funds received from the federal high cost support funding mechanism in accordance with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (47 USC § 254(e) 1996).

On April 4, 2002, the Commission issued an order in Missouri Case No. TM-2002-299, the Alma merger case, correcting the name of the newly certificated company. As indicated by the attached order, the correct name of the successor company should have been Alma Communications **Company** d/b/a Alma Telephone Company. Please change your records accordingly.

Sincerely,

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Regulatory Economist

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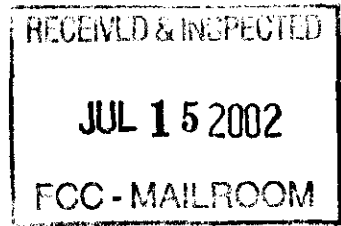
use the correct corporate name for purposes of the Application, subsequent pleadings, and tariff filings but inserted the comma and the "Inc." designation in error.

The Joint Applicants now seek leave of the Commission to amend by interlineation the Application, and their pleadings filed in this case, by striking the erroneous name "Alma Communications, Inc. d/b/a Alma Telephone Company" and inserting in lieu thereof "Alma Communications Company d/b/a Alma Telephone Company". The Applicants note that 4 CSR 240-2.080(21) permits such amendments with leave of the Commission.

On March 29, 2002, the Joint Applicants also filed a revised tariff adoption notice and tariff title sheet, bearing a 30-day effective date as required by 4 CSR 240-2.060(16), and reflecting the correct name "Alma Communications Company d/b/a Alma Telephone Company". The revised adoption notice and tariff title sheet are designed to correct and replace the tariff sheets previously filed and approved by the Commission. The Joint Applicants note that the third-party buyer has refused to close on the transactions contemplated in the Joint Application until this corporate name error has been corrected by a Commission order.

On the same date, the Joint Applicants also filed a Motion for Expedited Treatment, noting that the closing that was originally scheduled for the week of March 25, 2002, cannot proceed until the Commission issues an order correcting the error in the corporate name. The Joint Applicants request that if at all possible, the Commission issue its correction order and approve the revised tariff sheets in time for the parties to close the week of April 1, 2002. In support of the request for expedited treatment, the Joint Applicants allege that the failure to promptly act will further delay the closing and will be to

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**



In the Matter of the Joint Application of Alma Telephone Company, Alma Communications Company d/b/a Alma Telephone Company, and Alma Long Distance L.L.C.,
for an Order Approving Transfer of Assets, Proposed
Corporate Reorganization and Related Transactions, and
Granting a Certificate of Service Authority.

Case No. TM-2002-299

ORDER AMENDING COMMISSION ORDERS

On March 29, 2002, Alma Telephone Company (Alma), Alma Communications Company d/b/a Alma Telephone Company (ACC), and Alma Long Distance L.L.C. (Alma LD) filed a Motion for Issuance of Correction Order and for Approval of Revised Tariff Sheets. The Joint Applicants note that on March 21, 2002, the Commission issued an Order Approving Transfer of Assets and Granting Certificate of Service Authority and issued an Order Approving Adoption Notice and Tariff. After these orders were issued, the Joint Applicants discovered a discrepancy in the Application and in the subsequent filings regarding the corporate name of the newly certificated company. The Application, subsequent pleadings, and tariff filings erroneously referred to the newly certificated company as "Alma Communications, Inc. d/b/a Alma Telephone Company" (emphasis added), although the correct corporate name registered with the Missouri Secretary of State's Office is "Alma Communications **Company** d/b/a Alma Telephone Company" (emphasis added). The Joint Applicants note that this error unfortunately carried through in the Commission's March 21, 2002, orders. The Joint Applicants state that they intended to

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the request to amend the Joint Application and the pleadings in this case by striking the name "Alma Communications, Inc. d/b/a Alma Telephone Company" and inserting in lieu thereof "Alma Communications Company d/b/a Alma Telephone Company" is granted.

2. That the Order Approving Transfer of Assets and Granting Certificate of Service Authority, issued March 21, 2002, is amended by striking the name "Alma Communications, Inc. d/b/a Alma Telephone Company" and inserting in lieu thereof "Alma Communications Company d/b/a Alma Telephone Company".

3. That the Order Approving Adoption Notice and Tariff, also issued on March 21, 2002, is amended by striking the name "Alma Communications, Inc. d/b/a Alma Telephone Company" and inserting in lieu thereof "Alma Communications Company d/b/a Alma Telephone Company".

4. That this order shall become effective on April 5, 2002.

BY THE COMMISSION



**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

(S E A L)

Vicky Ruth, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 4th day of April, 2002.

the detriment of the parties to the transaction. The Joint Applicants contend that given the nature of the correction, no party to this uncontested case, the company's customers, or the general public should be harmed if the Commission grants this motion.

On April 3, 2002, the Staff of the Commission filed its Recommendation and Memorandum. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the request to amend by interlineations the Joint Application and the pleadings filed in this case. Staff has reviewed the proposed adoption notice and title sheet for MO P.S.C. No. 3 and finds them satisfactory. Staff has no objection to the request for expedited treatment.

The Commission has reviewed the Joint Applicants' Motion for Issuance of Correction Order and for Approval of Revised Tariff Sheets. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(21) permits a party to amend a pleading within 10 days of filing, unless a responsive pleading has been filed, or at any time by leave of the Commission. As the pleadings under consideration were filed more than 10 days before the request to amend, the Commission's leave is required in order for the pleadings to be amended. The Commission finds that granting the request to amend the pleadings, including the Application, will not harm any party to this case, nor will it harm the company's customers or the general public. The request to amend the pleadings by interlineation is reasonable and will be granted. As a result of the amendments to the pleadings, the Commission will amend its Order Approving Transfer of Assets and Granting Certificate of Service Authority and the Order Approving Adoption Notice and Tariff, both issued March 21, 2002, by striking the name "Alma Communications, Inc. d/b/a Alma Telephone Company" and inserting in lieu thereof "Alma Communications Company d/b/a Alma Telephone Company".

